

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014 AS

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) now impact one out of every 50 children in the United States, with an incidence rate that is four times greater in boys, and are the fastest growing serious developmental disability, making these disorders more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) combined; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of autism is increasing by 10 to 17 percent annually and ASDs cost the nation over \$35 billion per year, and is estimated to exceed \$200 billion in 10 years; and

WHEREAS, most school districts in California have seen a doubling of students with ASDs in the past five years; and

WHEREAS, many Californians are not adequately informed about ASDs and the value and importance of early identification, assessment, and treatment of these disorders; and

WHEREAS, current scientific research demonstrates that the early identification of and intervention with children with ASDs can result in significant positive outcomes in many children with ASDs; and

WHEREAS, parents and family members have made invaluable contributions through their commitment, care, and advocacy, to important advances in research, education, and treatment for individuals with ASDs; and

WHEREAS, public information and awareness are of paramount importance in accelerating early identification efforts and the proliferation of early intervention programs and services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of April 2014 as Autism Awareness Month, affirms its commitment to the important issues related to ASDs, and emphasizes that each and every individual with an ASD is a valued and important member of our society.

Dated: April 8, 2014

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